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SUBJECT: SCHANBERG ARTICLE ON SURVIVABILITY OF CAMBODIA

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM HABIB

1. YOU MAY ALREADY HAVE SEEN SCHANBERG'S ARTICLE THAT QUOTES EMBASSY SOURCES AS STATING THAT "THE BEST THAT CAN BE HOPED FOR HERE IS LITTLE MORE THAN A NEGOTIATED SURRENDER IN WHICH THE ONLY SUBJECT OPEN FOR DISCUSSION WOULD BE DETAILS, HUMANENESS AND ORDERLINESS OF THE COMMUNIST LED INSURGENTS TAKEOVER".

2. SCHANBERG'S ARTICLE HAS CREATED CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSIAL INTEREST HERE. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT IT SEEMS CONTRARY TO MY RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND GENERAL PALMER.

3. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY TO PROVIDE ANY RECENT EMBASSY REPORTING REFLECTING THE ALLEGED VIEW ON THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE GKR. WE HAVE REPLIED THAT THERE

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IS NO SUCH REPORT, BUT THAT WE WOULD REQUEST OUR EMBASSY'S

LATEST ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION.

4. PLEASE SUBMIT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE YOUR LATEST ESTIMATE
ON THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE GKR TAKING ALL FACTORS INTO
ACCOUNT. INGERSOLL

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